



## Lamoine Board of Selectmen Minutes of October 20, 2005

Chairman Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM

Present were: Selectmen Brett Jones, Richard Fennelly Jr., Perry Fowler, Cynthia Donaldson, Jo Cooper; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Stacey Covey (Pro-Auto), Michael Garrett (Planning Board), Dennis Ford (Code Enforcement Officer) Gerald Ford (Harbor Master), Cable TV Techs Nicholas Pappas and Jeff Higgins.

**Agenda Review** – Cynthia asked to add adopt-a-committee board involvement to the agenda. The board had no problem with that.

**Minutes** – Some minor corrections were made to the minutes. Jo moved to approve them as corrected. Brett 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 4-0 (Fowler abstained)**

### **Public Hearing regarding Automobile Graveyard Permit renewals for Barry Norris d/b/a Pro Auto Center**

Jo opened the hearing at 7:24 PM. Dennis Ford said he would recommend that a dug well at the Eleanor Norris property (Map 5 Lot 2) be filled in, and that would be a good time to install a monitoring pipe for groundwater contamination. A short discussion on how that monitoring could take place followed. Stu suggested the Board could make that a condition of the permit. He said the town should not pay for water monitoring at the site. Jo said if such a monitoring well is required for one junkyard it should be required for all. She said it's would be interesting to know the status of the water under the junkyard, but it's private property.

Dennis said there is no problem with the drilled well, but this would be an ideal monitoring opportunity. He said monitoring is not required by the state, yet. Jo asked if the Selectmen were following some guideline. Richard said putting the testing condition on could open up the town to having someone say this was discrimination. Jo said there is no cause to test the water. She said the town does need to pay attention to groundwater, but this would not be the right place to do that. Richard said perhaps testing requirements would need to be placed into the ordinance to require it. Dennis said he thinks testing requirements might be coming from the state. A short discussion followed on the dug well and groundwater.

Jo said it makes sense to recommend installation of a pipe and testing but not require it. Perry asked about the tires at the Marlboro Beach Road site. Dennis said Mr. Norris is getting the rims off the tires and will haul a load when there is a truck full this fall. Stacey Covey confirmed that they hire an 18-wheeler to take the tires out and do it when

there is enough to fill a truck. Dennis said the number of tires is well below the state spec. Jo noted there was a concern years ago about the number of tires.

Dennis said both lots were well kept, and he was impressed.

The hearing closed at 7:33 PM

Jo moved to renew the permits for automobile graveyards on Map 20 Lot 20 and Map 5 Lot 2. Stu asked if the Selectmen wished to add the suggestion language on the dug well to Map 5 Lot 2. Selectmen said yes. Cynthia asked about how the local ordinance plays into the automobile graveyard process and a short discussion followed. **Vote in favor was unanimous** – Selectmen signed the permits.

#### **Request for Tax Abatement – D. & B. Coleman**

Stu reported the Assessors have asked RJD Appraisal for advice and they await an answer. He said he would suggest no action at this time. Selectmen tabled the matter until next meeting.

#### **Letter from Department of Labor**

Stu said the Bureau of Labor Standards reduced the find to \$0. Cynthia asked to note that the violations that were corrected were all at the fire station.

#### **FEMA Mitigation Grant**

Stu said the application from FEMA was about the most confusing thing he'd ever seen. He said the board had previously talked about an area of Marlboro Beach Road. A short discussion followed on generators for the school or fire station. Stu said he would ask Linda Feury of the County EMA for clarification. He also reported that more road barricades might be coming to Lamoine courtesy of EMA.

#### **Flooding**

Richard said Nankervis Trucking should be informed of the washout area on Pinkhams Flats. A short discussion followed on the culvert on Jordan River Road that was overwhelmed. Richard noted that the road project replaced a 3-foot culvert with a 2-footer.

#### **Mailbox**

Stu reported the post office has ordered the mailbox. Dennis asked who's paying for the slab. Stu said he would find out from the postmaster when the mailbox arrives.

#### **Warrant 7**

Selectmen signed expenditure warrant 7 for \$385,513.41. Stu said \$250,000 was a transfer into the investment account, over \$90,000 for county taxes, and \$30,000 for school payroll.

**Cash & Budget Report** – Stu reported property tax collections are coming in nicely.

**Checking Account Review** - Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the review of the checking account reconciliation.

**Budget** – Selectmen briefly discussed the consumer price index calculation and felt budget submission should stay the way it was proposed. There was discussion over the travel budget and road barricades. A discussion followed on whether it would be inevitable that an LD-1 override is needed.

**EMA Meeting** – Stu reported he would attend a meeting next Thursday at the EMA office about the National Incident Management System.

**Herring Proposal Support** – Stu reported the Conservation Commission endorsed supporting Alternative 7. Richard said it makes sense to address a shortfall in herring landings. He said it was almost impossible to get lobster bait last spring. A short discussion followed. Jo said she wasn't opposed to the support. Brett said he wasn't opposed either, but didn't favor protectionism. Cynthia said an interesting group of people have signed on to the support document. It was felt that individual selectmen could sign letters of support and Stu would mail those in.

**CBIZ Personal Property Tax** – Stu reported he got a call from CBIZ which handles personal property for Scientific Games, Inc. and an \$8.00 account written off earlier this year might actually get paid.

**Adopt a committee** – Cynthia said the Board had talked at one point to see if Selectmen wanted to be assigned to attend particular board meetings. Richard said he's able to follow the meetings on TV and he's able to stay abreast of things that way. Jo said the school board is not on TV, and it would be helpful to have that. Stu said the Cable TV committee has asked to meet with the school committee. Brett asked if the school committee could meet at the town hall. It was felt the CTV committee could tape the school meetings.

Jo said the intent of adopt-a-committee was to have town hall staff available to each committee. A short discussion followed on whether the Selectmen would like to set aside a portion of the meeting for CTV viewers to call in with questions. There did not seem to be any opposition to that.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be November 3, 2005.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst.